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**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND
GOVERNMENT REFORM OF THE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

WILLIAM P. BARR, in his official capacity as
Attorney General of the United States,

Defendant-Appellee.

No. 16-5078

JOINT STATUS REPORT

On January 19, 2017, this Court granted Appellant's unopposed motion to hold this appeal in abeyance pending further settlement negotiations between the parties. The Court has continued to maintain the abeyance since that time in light of the parties' ongoing negotiations. On February 26, 2018, this Court entered an order directing the parties to file a joint abeyance status report by March 28, 2018 and at thirty-day intervals thereafter. This report is in response to that order.

As the Court is aware, on December 21, 2018, appropriations to the

Department of Justice lapsed and were not restored until January 25, 2019. *See* Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-5 (Jan. 25, 2019). On January 3, 2019, during the midst of the appropriations lapse, the 116th Congress was constituted, and on January 4, 2019, Elijah E. Cummings was elected as the new Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform of the United States House of Representatives. *See* H. Res. 24, 116th Cong. (Jan. 4, 2019).

The parties have subsequently resumed settlement negotiations and have made substantial progress towards a negotiated solution. Settlement negotiations have not yet completed, however. The parties therefore believe that holding the appeal in abeyance (with a status report due in 30 days) remains appropriate. This further abeyance will provide the parties with additional time to pursue the possibility of a negotiated resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that April 2, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing motion with the Clerk of the Court by using the appellate CM/ECF system. Service will be accomplished by the appellate CM/ECF system.

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